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SUBJECT: SECURITY DEVICES, AMERICAN CONSULATE SAPPORO

1. THIS TSO HAS RECENTLY BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL SECURITY PLANNING FOR THE NEW CONSULATE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SAPPORO. SO FAR THIS PLANNING HAS INCLUDED THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC DEADBOLTS IN THE LOBBY AREA AND THE BASEMENT, CYPHER LOCKS, AND ARMORING MATERIALS FOR DOORS.

2. IT IS KNOWN THAT SY/OPS/T MAINTAINS DIRECT LIAISON WITH FBO THROUGH WHICH, TSO ASSUMES, THAT TECHNICAL SECURITY DETAILS LIKE THESE ARE WORKED OUT AND THEN SUBMITTED BY FBO TO THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR FOR ACTION. THIS METHOD WAS SUCCESSFULLY USED TO DESIGN SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE NEW TOKYO EMBASSY AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT THIS METHOD IS ALSO BEING APPLIED TO THIS CONSULATE.

3. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY STAFF CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING A LIAISON WITH THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR HAS INDICATED THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAS HAD LITTLE OR NO GUIDANCE FROM FBO REGARDING THE FINAL SELECTION OF LOCKING DEVICES FOR
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THE LOBBY AREA, ACCESS CONTROL LOCKS (CYPHER LOCKS), AND ARMORING MATERIALS FOR ARMORING SEVERAL OF THE WOODEN DOORS NOR IS IT CLEAR WHO WILL SUPPLY OR FUND THESE DEVICES.

4. THIS TSO MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR, FBO, AND THE EMBASSY IN MARCH 1978. AT

THIS MEETING VARIOUS LOCKING DEVICES WERE DISCUSSED
AND THIS TSO SUGGESTED THE USE OF CERTAIN LOCKING DEVICES
FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSES. IT WAS ASSUMED BY THIS TSO
THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE PRESENTED TO SY/OPS/T AND
THAT THE PROCUREMENT AND FUNDING DETAILS, INSTALLATION
AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

5. NOW THE CONTRACTOR IS BECOMING UNDERSTANDABLY CON-
CERNED ABOUT THESE DEVICES. THIS TSO IS RELUCTANT
TO PROCEED FURTHER FOR FEAR OF CONTRADICTING SOLUTIONS
TO THESE SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN
DEVELOPED THROUGH THE FBO - SY/OPS/T LIAISON.

6. TSO WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER RELATING
TO THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS TSO SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED
IN THE SPECIFICATION OF SECURITY MATERIALS AND DEVICES
AT THIS TIME AND THEIR FUNDING AND/OR SUPPLY.MANSFIELD

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